

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

to the California Medical Association

Membership

MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFE of any organization and the effectiveness of any organization is measured by the number and type of members it comprises.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association has been the largest state Auxiliary in the country since 1961. We now have some 9,200 members and with about 23,000 physicians in California our potential seems a great deal more. Of course, our goal is 100 per cent.

With the greatly increased income that this increase would bring, much more could be accomplished. Not only would there be more money to aid medical education, health careers and similar projects, but we should be able to turn to other things which would increase our influence and effectiveness. Time and effort now used to recruit members could be used more valuably on Auxiliary projects.

How can 100 per cent membership be accomplished? There must be a way but obviously we need the complete cooperation of physicians and their medical associations. Every physician should encourage his wife to be a member of the Auxiliary—she is wanted and needed.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association was organized at the request of the Association to complement its organization. All projects of the Auxiliary have the approval of CMA. Our prime objectives are to assist the Association in its program for the best medical care for all.

Membership in the Auxiliary provides an opportunity for physicians' wives to work toward a common goal with others who have the same interest. This association with others promotes the best interest of this group by cultivating friendly relations, encouraging mutual understanding among physicians' families.

As a member of the Auxiliary, a physician's wife will be kept well informed on all pertinent questions and will be able to speak intelligently on matters of medicine. A well informed physician's wife is an asset to medicine as well as to each physician individually.

The Auxiliary helps in many fields such as public relations, legislation, Physicians' Benevolence and the American Medical Association Education and Research Foundation. For the last two years, the California Auxiliary has received a citation for contributing more than other Auxiliary to AMAERF. Taking care of physicians and their wives in time of need is part of Auxiliary's help in Physicians' Benevolence.

Many of our county Auxiliaries give scholarships for allied health professions in the form of loans, grants or scholarships. We believe in free enterprise.

We find ourselves competing with hospital Auxiliaries and other voluntary agencies for the time of our capable physicians' wives. Many of the wives are leaders in those fields, so we must make them realize that we need them also.

If you are a physician who is a member of the California Medical Association, I hope you will urge your wife to join the Auxiliary. We need her support and her help.

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